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Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is a and a Petition for Extension of Time (2 copies), under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), with Authorization to Charge Deposit Account for extending the period for filing a Response to the Final Office Acton mailed February 11, 2002; a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, with Authorization to Charge Deposit Account for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e); the 3rd Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references noted therein; and an acknowledgement postcard.

Applicant(s) hereby authorized the Assistant Commissioner to charge any other fees that may be deemed to be due or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 50-0590. A duplicate copy of this letter is transmitted herewith.

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